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# Utah Highway Patrol Weekly Report



On September 29, 2010 our Utah Highway Patrol Administration held an employee appreciation BBQ at Section 4. In this picture you can see Colonel Danny Fuhr, Major Mike Kuehn and Major Kathy Slagowski. Many Troopers from different sections stopped by and ate cheeseburgers, hamburgers and hotdogs before their promotional written exam and some came after their PT test. Overall, we had a great time and we know troopers felt appreciated during the month of September.

## Criminal Interdiction



On September 28, 2010, a trooper stopped a vehicle on I-80 in Tooele County for traffic offense. The vehicle was occupied by a single female driver. The trooper immediately detected an odor of marijuana coming from the vehicle. The female driver admitted to smoking marijuana. A probable cause search of the vehicle revealed rolling papers used to roll marijuana. In the back seat, inside a duffle bag the trooper located 3 lbs of crack cocaine.

On September 29, 2010, members of the Division of Homeland Security were monitoring a president of a company that makes pro marijuana movies. The pilot and another male were arrested at the Erda Airport in Tooele County after marijuana was 6 lbs found in the plane. The plane was coming from California. A K-9 trooper responded with K-9 Jecko who gave a positive indication on the plane.



On September 30, 2010, a trooper stopped a vehicle on I-80 in Salt Lake County for traffic offense. During the course of the traffic stop, he became suspicious of criminal activity. He was able to obtain consent to search the vehicle from the driver. A search of the vehicle revealed a couple of pounds of mushrooms and drug paraphernalia. The male driver was arrested and booked into the Salt Lake County Jail.



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## Fatal Crashes



On September 25, 2010 at approximately 7:24 A.M. a Porche driven by a 56 year-old Mountain Green man was traveling westbound on SR-138 and turned left onto Sheep Lane in front of a Nissan Pickup driven by 37 year old female. The female was ejected and sustained major head injuries. She was flown to the University of Utah Medical Center and died there from her injuries. An 18 year old male passenger in her vehicle sustained minor injuries to his lower extremities and was also flown to the U of U.

On September 25, 2010 at approximately 5 A.M. a SUV traveling eastbound with two occupants crossed the double white line for unknown reasons and hit a westbound semi truck head on. The accident occurred at mile post 203. The occupants of the SUV were on their way back to Moab, UT from Salt Lake City. The 22 year old male driver of the SUV was fatally wounded in the accident. The 22 year old female passenger sustained minor injuries and was transported to Utah Valley Regional Medical Center in Provo. The driver of the semi was not injured.

On September 26, 2010 at approximately 1:55 P.M. a 2008 Ford F-250 was traveling eastbound on I 70 at mile marker 229 (2 miles west of the state line). The vehicle's front tire blew out causing the driver, a 26 year old Glenwood Springs, CO female, to lose control of the vehicle. The vehicle rolled into the median. The female was transported to St. Mary's Hospital in Grand Junction, CO with serious head and neck injuries. The driver's brother, 36 year old from Windsor, CO, was ejected from the vehicle and died on scene.

On Saturday night October 2, 2010, at 8:30pm a fatal crash occurred in Emery County, Utah. The crash occurred at the top of Fairview Canyon on State Road 264 at milepost 5. This location is approximately 7 miles East of Fairview, Utah. The driver of a Ford Ranger pickup was traveling Eastbound on the roadway when it came into a sharp curve on the roadway. The male driver was not able to stay in his lane and ran off the roadway at the end of the curve. The vehicle rolled down a steep embankment and came to rest on it's side in a shallow part of Electric Lake. There were five individuals in the vehicle. Three adults and two children. One of the children, Braxton Bird age 4, was not restrained in his booster seat properly and was ejected from the vehicle. He was pronounced dead at the scene. The other child, a 2 year old



female, was not properly restrained in her carseat, but stayed in the vehicle and suffered only minor injuries. She was transported to Sanpete Valley Hospital to be checked out. The male driver and front female passenger were also ejected from the vehicle. Injuries ranged from a broken leg to head trauma. They were taken by ambulance to Sanpete Valley Hospital for treatment. The other male passenger was restrained by a seatbelt and suffered only minor injuries. He was taken to Sanpete Valley Hospital to be checked out. All five individuals are from Wellinton, Utah.



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## From the Field



On September 25, 2010, a pursuit occurred on I-15 northbound Mesquite Nevada that was terminated in St. George, Utah. Nevada Highway Patrol was pursuing a vehicle driven by a male suspect wanted for felony warrants out of Nebraska. NHP terminated the pursuit and was picked up by Utah State Trooper Larson in St. George. A couple of St. George PD Officers spiked the vehicle on I-15 at milepost 2 and was again spiked at milepost 4. The vehicle continued for another 10 miles and finally went off the road. UHP troopers in Section 12 were able to take the suspect into custody.



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